

**In the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for registering biometric information for use in a smartcard system, said method comprising:

detecting a proffered biometric at a sensor to obtain a proffered biometric sample;

verifying said proffered biometric sample; ~~and~~

storing said proffered biometric sample on a database; and

associating said proffered biometric sample with a smartcard such that said smartcard system utilizes said proffered biometric sample to authorize a smartcard ~~transaction~~ payment utilizing said smartcard.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of detecting includes at least one of: detecting, associating, and processing a proffered biometric sample.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of detecting includes logging each proffered biometric sample.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of detecting includes at least one of detecting, associating, and processing at least one additional proffered biometric sample.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of verifying a biometric sample further includes at least one of: processing, comparing, and verifying said biometric sample.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of verifying includes comparing a proffered biometric sample with a stored biometric sample.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein comparing a proffered biometric sample with a stored biometric sample includes comparing a proffered biometric sample with a biometric sample of at least one of a criminal, a terrorist, and a cardmember.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of verifying includes verifying a proffered biometric sample using information contained on at least one of a local database, a remote database, and a third-party controlled database.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of verifying includes verifying a proffered biometric sample using at least one of a local CPU and a third-party security vendor.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of verifying a biometric sample further includes facilitating the use of at least one secondary security procedure.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of storing a biometric sample includes storing a proffered biometric sample on at least one of a local database, a remote database, and a third-party controlled database.